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LOTS OF HADDOCK IN AT T WHARF

SEVERAL CRAFTS FROM SOUTHWEST PART OF GEORGES HAVE FINE CATCHES.

Boston had plenty of fish for the opening trade of the week at T wharf this morning, 20 trips being there, some with dandy fares.

Capt. Martin Welch of the Lucania arrived with another enormous fare, aggregating about 83,000 pounds, mostly haddock. Capt. Welch struck some good fishing and is keeping up his fine record in the winter haddock-fishing fishery.

Three of the steam trawling fleet have big fares. They are the Foam and Ripple, 50,000 pounds each and Crest, 80,000 pounds. Other good trips from off shore are schs. Josie and Phoebe, 53,000 pounds, Ethel B. Penny, 40,000 pounds, Elsie, 35,000 pounds, Laverna, 58,000 pounds.

Haddock brought from \$2.25 to \$3.50 a hundred, large cod, \$3 to \$7; markets \$3 to \$4; hake, \$4.25 to \$6.50; pollock, \$3.50 to \$3.85, cusk, \$3.50.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Sch. Josie and Phoebe, 35,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 5000 hake, 12,000 cusk.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, 4000 haddock, 500 cod.
Str. Foam, 49,000 haddock, 1400 cod.
Str. Ripple, 48,000 haddock, 1500 cod.
Str. Crest, 79,000 haddock, 1100 cod.
Sch. Ethel B. Penny, 35,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Elsie, 30,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. Lucania, 80,000 haddock, 3000 cod.
Sch. Laverna, 48,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Little Fannie, 45,000 haddock, 800 cod.
Sch. Rose Standish, 7000 haddock, 7000 cod, 1000 cusk.
Sch. Jeanette, 7000 haddock.
Sch. Valentinna, 4700 cod.
Sch. Flavilla, 6500 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 1500 haddock, 8200 cod.
Sch. M. Mad fire, 2000 haddock, 3200 cod.
Sch. On Time, 1400 haddock.
Sch. Margaret Dillon, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Yankee, 5500 haddock, 600 cod.
Sch. Reliance, 3800 cod.
Haddock, \$2.25 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 to \$7; market cod, \$3 to \$4; hake, \$4.25 to \$6.50; pollock, \$3.50 to \$3.85; cusk, \$3.50.

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Caught Big Sturgeon.

The steam trawler Ripple, Capt. John Steele, at Boston this morning brought in large sturgeon, which was caught on Georges recently. The fish weighed 200 pounds.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Ingomar, Vanessa and Georgia arrived at Liverpool Friday last and cleared for the fishing ground.

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Haddockers at Liverpool, N. S.

The Times correspondent at Liverpool, N. S., reports schs. Ingomar, Manhasset, Gladys and Nellie, James W. Parker, Pontiac, Vanessa and Georgia there for harbor last Saturday. There has been heavy gales from the northwest.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Recent arrivals at Sand Point, N. S., for shelter, were schs. Robert and Arthur, 25,000 pounds fresh fish, Terra Nova, 30,000 pounds, Vanessa, 15,000 pounds, Ingomar, 22,000 pounds, John J. Fallon, Georgia, and Moocanam.

Capt. Devine Is Home.

Capt. Archie Devine who has been at Bay of Islands superintending the loading of the sch. Arthur James returned home Saturday evening.

Portland Fish Notes.

Sunday arrivals: Schs. Edmund F. Black, with 8000 lbs. fish; Katie L. Palmer, 7000; Eva and Mildred, 4000.

SAW HERRING SCHOOLING.

When the men of the otter trawler Ripple, reached T wharf, Boston, yesterday morning, related having run into immense schools of herring, 90 miles southeast of Highland Light, the other fishermen were a bit skeptical, but the officers of the steam trawler back up the statements of their men. They had seen herring, not the ordinary isolated school of a few thousand fish, but a whole collection of schools.

The fish were large, too, and they judged that a netter could have made a year's stake all at once if all the fish could have been rounded up.

SALT MACKEREL NOTES.

Domestic Goods Firm and Foreign Stock Picking Up a Little.

The market in domestic salt mackerel is firm in sympathy with that for the foreign fish says the Fishing Gazette. Stocks of Magdalen are slow in coming forward, presumably because of the difficulty of coast transportation. Prices for all grades of shore salt mackerel continue high with dealers in no hurry to dispose of their stocks. The expectation on all sides seems to be that shore salt mackerel will be a good deal higher before the end of the season than it has ruled of late.

The market for foreign salt mackerel picked up some during the week, and prices held firm all through. There were many inquiries for the better grades of fish, and another week should see some big transactions. Stocks of new fish are said to be very depleted all over the country, buyers holding off in the hope prices would lower.

RED SNAPPER TRIPS.

Two Recent Arrivals at Pensacola Report Very Bad Weather.

Among the smack arrivals Thursday morning at Pensacola was the Dorothy of the E. E. Saunders Company. Captain Johnson reports a catch of 30,000 pounds of snappers despite the fact that more or less severe weather was encountered on the snapper banks. He was out 20 days.

The smack Lettie G. Howard, also of the E. E. Saunders Company arrived the same morning from the snapper banks with a good catch. She reported 22,000 pounds. A coincidence is the fact that she was out just 22 days.

Porto Rico Fish Notes.

Fish arrivals at the various ports of Porto Rico for the week ending January 9, as reported by S. Ramirez & Co., were 880 tierces, 77 drums, 100 boxes of codfish, 100 tierces pollock, 10 tierces haddock, 160 barrels, 11 one-half barrels herrings and 100 boxes of bloaters. The arrivals sent prices down so low it seems the bottom must have been reached. Quotations are: Codfish, \$7.25 to \$7.50 per 100 lbs.; haddock and pollock, \$5 to \$5.25.

Molasses and Herring.

The epicurean citizen of this section generally adds a quart of molasses to a barrel of herring for home consumption. On those we salt or up country use we fear to use molasses, as it would make such a delicious as would knock out the sugar cured ham in that section and cause the farmer to arise and smite our fish and a star interests "hip to thigh," says the Irvington, Va., "Citizen."

Sales of Marine Property.

Neville Bros., of Yarmouth, N. S., and Halifax, N. S., have purchased the steamer Atlantic, recently owned by the Atlantic Fish Co., of Lunenburg, N. S.

The sch. Minnie M. Mosher, 73 tons, with fishing gear, was sold at public auction in Lunenburg, N. S., last week to J. E. Backman of Riverport, for \$4800.

Some Save Their Dunnage.

Forty of the crew of the wrecked halibuting steamer Grant, of the San Juan Fish Co.'s fleet, arrived at their homes in Seattle New Year's Day. With only 15 minutes to roll out and get into the life boats, several of the sailors managed to save their baggage, but more than half saved only the clothing they wore when the Grant struck.

Fined for Having Small Fish.

For having two fish less than six inches long in his possession Adam Matheau, a Holyoke fisherman was fined \$2 last week or in other words, he paid \$1 each for fish a little larger than fish fry.

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STILL CART IN THE HADDOCK.

OF SHORE CRAFTS HAVE LARGE FARES FROM "SOUTHWEST PART."

Some big trips are at Boston this morning from the off shore fleet, the crafts evidently having struck good fishing notwithstanding the recent bad weather and gales.

Sch. Gov. Foss, Capt. Fred Thompson has the largest fare, hailing for \$4,000 pounds. Other big trips are schs. Conqueror, 78,000 pounds, Frances S. Grueby, 76,000 pounds, John J. Fallon, 40,000 pounds, Cynthia 42,000 pounds, Squanto, 46,000 pounds, Harmony 59,000 pounds and the steam trawler Spray 48,000 pounds.

Haddock have taken a big drop on account of the large supply and sold from \$1.60 to \$3.90 a hundred weight this morning. Large cod was scarce and brought from \$6 to \$7 markets, \$3 to \$5, hake, \$4.25 to \$6 and pollock, \$3.50 to \$4.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Sch. Matchless, 18,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Squanto, 40,000 haddock, 6000 cod.
Sch. Harmony, 55,000 haddock, 4000 cod.
Sch. Cynthia, 37,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. Mary P. Santos, 23,000 haddock, 800 cod.
Sch. Jessie Costa, 11,000 haddock, 700 cod, 1500 hake.
Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 4000 haddock, 1500 cod.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 4500 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 pollock.
Sch. John J. Fallon, 20,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 3000 hake, 4000 cusk.
Sch. Esther Gray, 2300 haddock, 4500 cod.
Sch. Motor, 1000 haddock, 6000 cod, 3000 cusk.
Steamer Spray, 46,000 haddock, 2200 cod.
Sch. Francis S. Grueby, 73,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Gov. Foss, 80,000 haddock, 3500 cod.
Sch. Mary B. Greer, 13,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Conqueror, 70,000 haddock, 8000 cod.
Haddock, \$1.60 to \$3.90 per cwt.; large cod, \$6 to \$7; market cod, \$3.50 to \$5; hake, \$4.25 to \$6; pollock, \$3.50 to \$4.

IS WELL CHRISTENED.

SCH. FRANCES S. GRUEBY AT T WHARF WITH BIG MAIDEN TRIP.

The new sch. Frances S. Grueby, Capt. Enos Nickerson, is at T wharf Boston this morning from her maiden trip, with a big fare of 76,000 pounds of fresh fish, mostly haddock, taken on the southwest part of Georges.

Capt. Nickerson starts off well in his new craft, leaving here only last Wednesday and is keeping to the front as usual for quick trips and big fares.

FULTON MARKET NOTES.

The Mackerel Reported Slow on Frozen Herring and Prices Drop.

The first cargo of natural frozen Newfoundland herring reached the fish market a week ago yesterday on the sch. Priscilla Smith of this port to Chesboro Brothers, George T. Moon Co., Wilson & Barry, Lynch & Co., Caleb Haley & Co., and Eldred & Haley. The selling price during the week was \$3.75 per cwt. Shore herring brought \$7.50 per barrel, says the Fishing Gazette.

Newfoundland herring sold slow during the week, and the price beginning with yesterday will be a quarter of a cent lower, or 3 1-2 cents per pound. Shore herring has been selling well and the market has practically been cleaned up.

There was little business in the market on Thursday, and Friday trade was light. Prices of ground fish were somewhat lower on Friday; market cod going at 6 cents to 7 cents; steak cod, 10 cents to 12 cents and haddock at 5 cents to 6 cents.

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GILL NETTERS ONLY ARE IN.

NOTHING IN THE FISH LINE FROM OFF SHORE SINCE YESTERDAY.

No arrivals from off shore have been in port the past 24 hours, the only fresh fish arrivals being the fleet of gill netters, all of whom did fairly well.

Several coastwise crafts are in the outer harbor this morning for shelter.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Steamer Ibsen, gill netting, 1800 lbs. fresh fish.
Steamer Quoddy, gill netting, 1700 lbs. fresh fish.
Steamer Prince Olaf, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
Steamer Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
Steamer Mindora, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
Steamer Rough Rider, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
Steamer Margaret D., gill netting, 5500 lbs. fresh fish.
Steamer Nomad, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
Steamer F. S. Willard, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
Steamer Enterprise, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
Steamer Venture, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Mary P. Goulart, shore.
Sch. Adeline, shore.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.
Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, shore.
Sch. Lucania, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Tattler, Boston, in tow.
Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, haddocking.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.75 per cwt. for large, \$4.25 for medium and \$3 for snappers.
Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.75, medium \$5, snappers \$3.
Salt "drift" codfish, large \$5.25, medium \$4.75.
Salt bank dory handline cod, \$5.25 per cwt. for large and \$4.75 for medium.
Stern halibut, codfish, large, \$5.50, medium, \$4.75.
Haddock, \$1.75.
Pollock, \$1.75.
Cusk, large, \$2.50, medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.
Hake, \$1.87 1-2.
Eastern shack cod, \$4.75 for large and \$4.25 for mediums.
All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above prices.

Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.
Large cod, \$2.60 per cwt., medium, \$2.10 per cwt.
Cusk, large, \$1.80, medium, \$1.20.
Snapper cusk, 60c.
Hake, \$1.45.
Dressed pollock, 90c; round 80c.
Bank halibut, 19 1-2 c per lb., for white and 13c for gray.
Bait Prices.
Frozen bluebacks, \$2.50 per cwt.
Frozen herring, \$2.50 per cwt.
Fresh herring, \$2.50 per bbl.
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Shipping Lots of Fish.

The Lunenburg, N. S., Fish Co. is shipping large consignments of fish to the West Indies.

PROPOSED LOBSTER LAW.

Full Text of a Bill Which Affects Catcher, Buyer, Seller and Consumer—Likelihood of it Becoming a Law—Fish and Game Commission Urges that Alarming Decrease of Crustaceans Makes Asked for Legislation Necessary.

State house, Boston, January 22.—The State Board of Commissioners on fisheries and game has filed with the clerk of the House of Representatives an important bill aiming to conserve and safeguard the lobster industry of Massachusetts.

The alarming decrease in the number of lobsters in Massachusetts waters has been apparent for the past two years. The board realizes that unless heroic measures are resorted to, that the time is not far off when few if any lobsters will be found in the waters along the coast of this state.

The bill provides at the outset for the licensing of every person engaged in catching lobsters. This to apply, not only to persons making a business so doing for hire, but also to any individual whether the lobsters are for his own use or to be marketed.

Because of the importance of this proposer legislation and the likelihood of its becoming law, the entire bill is herewith printed.

Section 1. No person, either as principal, agent, or servant, shall at any time, catch or take any lobster from any of the waters in the jurisdiction of this state, or place, set, keep, maintain, supervise, lift, raise or draw in or from any of said waters, or cause to be placed, set, kept, maintained, supervised, lifted, raised, or drawn in or from any of said waters, any pot or other contrivance designed or adapted for the catching or taking of lobsters unless licensed so to do as hereinafter provided. Every person who shall violate any of the provisions of this section shall be fined twenty dollars or be imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both, for each such offence.

Section 2. The board of commissioners on fisheries and game may grant or refuse to grant licenses to catch and take lobsters from the waters within the jurisdiction of this state (in the manner, at the times, and subject to the regulations provided in this act), to such citizens of this state as have resided in this state for at least one year next preceding the granting of such license, as they may think proper. Whenever any such license shall be granted, the same shall be granted to expire on the fifteenth day of November next succeeding the granting of the same, unless sooner revoked as hereinafter provided; and each person to whom such license shall be granted shall, for each license, pay to the said commissioners the sum of five dollars for the use of the state. Said commissioners, in their annual report, shall state the number of licenses granted, with the names of the persons licensed and the amount of money received therefor. Said commissioners shall issue to each person licensed as aforesaid a certificate stating the name of the person to whom such license has been granted and the date of expiration of such license, and shall also issue to each person so licensed a metal badge, in such form and bearing such inscription as said commissioners shall determine. If any person licensed as aforesaid shall, at any time, be adjudged guilty of any violation of any of the provisions of this act, after full hearing by said commissioners or a majority of them, the said commissioners or a majority of them shall revoke the license issued to such person, and such person shall thereupon cease to have any authority thereunder.

Must Be Licensed and Show Badge.

Section 3. Each person, licensed under the provisions of this act, shall, at all times, while engaged in the pursuit so licensed, wear upon his person the badge issued to him as provided in the preceding section; and shall, upon demand of any of said commissioners or any of their deputies, exhibit said badge and the certificate issued to him as provided in the preceding section. Every person violating any of the provisions of this section shall, for each offence, be fined five dollars.

Section 4. No negative allegations of any kind need be averred or proved in any prosecution brought under this act, but the respondent in any such action may show his license by way of defence.

Section 5. No person shall catch or take from any of the waters within the jurisdiction of this state, or have in his possession within this state, any lobster, cooked or uncooked, so taken, which is less than three and five-eighths inches, or more than five and seven-eighths inches, measured from the forward end of the bone projecting from the head to the rear end of the body shell. Every person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be fined five dollars for each such lobster; except that any person licensed under this act catching and taking any such lobster and immediately returning the same alive to the water from which it was taken shall not be subject to such fine. The possession of any such lobster, cooked or uncooked, shall be prima facie evidence that the same was caught and taken in violation of this section.

Section 6. Each and every "lobster pot," so called, set, kept, or maintained, or caused to be set, kept or maintained, in any of the waters in the jurisdiction of this state by any person licensed under this act, shall be separately and plainly buoyed. Every person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be fined twenty dollars, or be imprisoned not more than thirty days, for each offence, or both; except that any person licensed under this act, setting pots where natural conditions make it impractical to separately buoy each pot, may, upon applying to the commissioners on fish-

eries and game, stating the location and proposed manner of buoying said pots, receive a permit from said commissioners or a majority of them, and such person shall not be subject to the penalties provided in this section for the locality and the number of pots set in accordance with this permit. Whenever any such permit shall be granted, the same shall be granted to expire on the thirtieth day of October next succeeding the granting of the same.

Buoys Must Be Plainly Marked.

Section 7. No person licensed under this act shall use any pots for catching, or cars or other contrivance for keeping lobsters, unless the same and the buoys attached thereto are plainly marked with the name or names of the owners thereof, or the person or persons using the same, and the license number or numbers of such person or persons. Every person violating the provisions of this section shall be fined twenty dollars or be imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both, for each such offence; and all pots, cars, and other contrivances used contrary to the provisions of this and other sections of this act shall be seized by any officer engaged in the enforcement of this act, and said property shall be forfeited.

Section 8. Between twelve o'clock midnight on the thirtieth day of October in each year and the thirty-first day of March next succeeding, no person shall catch or take any lobster from any of the waters in the jurisdiction of this state, or place, set, keep, maintain, supervise, lift, raise, or draw, or cause to be placed, set, kept, maintained, supervised, lifted, raised, or drawn, in or from any of said waters, any pots or other contrivances designed or adapted for the catching or taking of lobsters. Every person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be fined twenty dollars or be imprisoned not more than thirty days for each such offence, or both.

Section 9. No person except the commissioners on fisheries and game and their deputies shall lift or raise any pot belonging to any person licensed under this act, set for the catching or taking of lobsters, except with the permission of the owner or owners thereof and licensed so to do

under this act. Every person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be fined twenty dollars or be imprisoned not more than thirty days for each such offence, or both.

Section 9. No person except the commissioners on fisheries and game and their deputies shall lift or raise any pot belonging to any person licensed under this act, set for the catching or taking of lobsters, except with the permission of the owner or owners thereof and licensed so to do under this act. Every person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be fined ten dollars for each such offence.

Section 10. No person shall mutilate any uncooked lobster by severing its tail from its body, or have in his possession any part or parts of any uncooked lobster so mutilated. Every person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be fined five dollars for each such offence; and in any and all prosecutions under this section the possession of any part or parts of any uncooked lobster, so mutilated, shall be prima facie evidence sufficient to convict.

Section 11. The board of commissioners on fisheries and game shall appoint at least two deputies, whose duties shall be the enforcing of the provisions of this act. Each of said deputies appointed as aforesaid shall be, by virtue of his office, a special constable, and as such deputy may, without warrant, arrest any person found violating any of the provisions of this act and detain such person for prosecution not exceeding twenty-four hours. Said deputies shall not be required to enter into recognizance or become liable for costs.

Deputies Have Much Power.

Section 12. For the purpose of enforcing the provisions relative to the protection of lobsters the commissioners on fisheries and game and their appointed deputies may search in suspected places, or upon any boat or vessel that they may believe is used in the catching or transporting of lobsters, and may seize and remove lobsters taken, held or offered for sale in violation of the provisions of this act.

Section 13. No person or persons shall, after the board of commissioners on fisheries and game or their deputies have announced their intention of searching in any suspected place or upon any boat or vessel by hailing the person or persons in charge and showing their badges, interfere with the search by destroying, removing or otherwise disposing of any article for which it may be desired to search. If any person or persons shall be adjudged guilty of violating the provisions of this section, after a full hearing by said commissioners or a majority of them, the said commissioners or a majority of them may either revoke the license of such person or persons or may cause their arrest, or both. Every person found guilty of violating the provisions of this section shall be fined ten dollars for each offence.

Section 14. Fines incurred under any of the provisions of this act shall mature one-half thereof to the use of the county and one-half thereof to the use of the state.

Section 15. The several district courts shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the superior court over all offences under this act, and to the

full extent of the penalties therein specified; parties defendant, however, having the same right to appear from the sentences of said district courts as is now provided by law in other criminal cases.

Section 16. No person shall have in his possession within this state any female lobster bearing eggs, or from which the eggs have been brushed or removed, unless he shall have a permit from the board of commissioners on fisheries and game, as hereinafter provided. Every person violating this provision shall be fined twenty dollars for each lobster; except that any person licensed under this act catching and taking any such lobster and immediately returning the same alive to the water from which it was taken shall not be subject to such fine.

The board of commissioners on fisheries and game are directed and empowered to purchase, at a rate not exceeding twenty-five cents above the market price, any female lobster bearing eggs caught or taken from the waters of this state. Any person licensed

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under this act may, after receiving a permit from said commissioners, safely retain said female lobsters in lobster cars or sections of cars used for that purpose only, as shall be designated in the permit, and shall keep the same separate from other lobsters until such time as said commissioners or some person authorized by them can gather and pay for them.

The egg lobsters so taken may be disposed of by said commissioners as they may deem for the best interests of the lobster industry of the state.

Section 17. Each and every "lobster pot," so called, or other contrivance, set, kept, or maintained or caused to be set, kept, or maintained in any of the waters in the jurisdiction of this state, shall be provided with a circular entrance ring or rings, the greater inside diameter of which shall not be greater than three and one-half inches. Every person violating the provisions of this section shall be fined ten dollars for each offence.

The commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered to make the necessary regulations attendant upon the enforcement of this section.

Must Be Sold and Delivered In the Shell.

Section 18. All lobsters or parts of lobsters sold for use in this state or for export therefrom must be sold and delivered in the shell. Whoever ships, buys, gives away, or sells lobster meat after the same shall have been taken from the shell shall be liable to a penalty of not more than twenty-five dollars upon each conviction thereof. Any person or corporation in the business of a common carrier of merchandise who shall knowingly carry, or transport from place to place, lobster meat after the same shall have been taken from the shell, shall be liable to a penalty of not more than fifty dollars upon each conviction thereof. All lobster meat so illegally bought, shipped, sold, given

away, or transported, shall be liable to seizure, and may be confiscated. Nothing contained herein shall be held to prohibit the sale of lobsters that have been legally canned, or when sold for food by licensed victuallers, or when removed from the shell on the premises where eaten.

Section 19. All barrels, boxes, or other packages in transit containing lobsters shall be marked with the word "lobsters," together with the full name of the shipper and consignee. Said marking shall be placed in a plain and legible manner on the outside of such boxes or other packages. In case of seizure by any duly authorized officer of any barrel, box, or other package in transit containing lobsters which is not so marked, or in case of seizure by such officer of any barrel, box, or other package in transit containing lobsters less than the legal length, such lobsters as are alive and less than the legal length shall be liberated, and all such lobsters as are of the legal length found in such barrels, boxes, or packages shall be forfeited and liberated or sold by the commissioners as hereinafter provided.

Every person, firm, association, or corporation that shall ship lobsters without having the barrels, boxes, or other packages in which the same are contained marked as prescribed in section eighteen shall upon conviction be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars, and upon subsequent conviction thereof by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars; and any person or corporation in the business of a common carrier of merchandise who shall knowingly carry or transport from place to place lobsters in barrels, boxes, or other packages not so marked shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars for each conviction thereof. Any sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, the commissioners on fisheries and game and their deputies, or other officers qualified to serve criminal process, are hereby authorized to search for, to seize and to confiscate without a warrant lobsters held or transported in violation of this act; and they shall report such seizure to said commissioners, who shall authorize the sale of such lobsters as are of a legal length. The proceeds of such sale shall be paid into the treasury of the commonwealth.

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CAPT. F. A. NUNAN ON BEAM TRAWLING

Says Schooners Must Surely Go If Something Is Not Done.

Capt. Frank A. Nunan, one of the best known skippers along the New England coast has very pronounced ideas regarding the destruction that is being done to the fishing grounds by beam trawling and believes that the time has come for action if our fisheries are to be preserved. Capt. Nunan is probably about as well posted a skipper as ever engaged in the market haddock fishery, and is therefore fully equipped from a standpoint of practical knowledge to discuss the subject, which he does in the following communication to the Times:

How Capt. Nunan Looks at Beam Trawling.

To the Editor of the Times:—Under date of January 15, you published an article taken from a Boston paper, supposed to be my view of the beam trawling situation. Perhaps some of your readers have been interviewed by a Boston reporter, and those same readers could not repress a smile at the interview as it appeared afterward in print. In consequence of this will you please print the following:

The beam trawlers are doing an incalculable harm to the fishing grounds and industry, and are driving many schooners out of business or else compelling their owners to seek more remote fishing grounds.

The schooners must give way sooner or later. It must be either the one or the other in time, and indications point to the supremacy of the steamers, if nothing is done.

When we stop to consider that over four hundred beam trawlers are landing their fish at Grimsby, England, our fleet of five looks small.

I am informed that four keels are laid, or about to be laid, for new steamers, and that means by next summer there will surely be nine, and more likely twelve to think about.

If beam trawling was something new it would be different, but it has been tried out in England and France, and we have men who have been in those steamers who tell us of the destruction they do to the fishing banks and the condition of the business.

We are losing our sailors fast, for they like their independence. A great many of our best men have gone to the Pacific and the Gulf of Mexico, and we surely miss them. Newfoundland is buying many of our boats and keeping their men at home.

When I was a boy we were sending Newfoundland supplies, for at

times they were in a starving condition.

Nova Scotia fishing is coming up by bounds and ours is steadily going down, down.

Appeal for Investigation.

I say, remain here and fight it out, and make one earnest appeal to the government to investigate this fishing right away.

It is labor and independence against something not right.

By way of an illustration we will take the day before Christmas, or the day before a big storm which is seen to be surely coming.

The old way:—"Well, boys, go home. We won't go out tonight."

The new way:—"Well, wife, the Bay State Fish Company says I must go out tonight. You know I am hired. I must go, for if I don't there is someone to take my place on the wharf. Good bye. Think of me tomorrow."

I think everybody should sign our petition, including John R. Neal, and the Bay State Fishing Company.

We don't know what one or more men will do who have money, but let us make our petition so long that people will take notice.

We know the backers of the beam trawlers will fight before they give up their proposed plan which is this: To control the fresh fish business; to have their own wharf; to have their own store for fitting out steamers; to have ice houses, railway and lastly, to sell their own fish. Think it over everybody.

Thirty Steamers Will Supply T Wharf

Thirty beam trawlers will supply the Boston fresh fish market with haddock, until they destroy the fishing grounds, which they surely will do.

Fish will be cheaper at first, but when they get control your haddock chowder will cost you more than at the present time.

The question will come up, "Why didn't you start sooner." Last year we had reciprocity to go with beam trawling.

It may be a "ghost" we are seeing now, but I think not.

While I have my pen in hand, I want to have a word at the gill nets (cod and haddock). If you only knew the damage they are doing to our shore fishing.

The haddock nets should never be put into the water in the months of March, April and May. It is bad enough at any time, but in the spawning season it is awful.

I like to read the Gloucester Daily Times and would like to read the ideas of other men on this subject.

Very truly yours,

FRANK A. NUNAN.

Jan. 23.

GORTON-PEW CO. ADDS TO ITS FLEET

Has Purchased the Whorl Fleet of Provincetown Salt Bankers.

The great fleet of vessels owned by the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company will be augmented by the addition of schs. Gladstone, Monitor, American and Lottie Brynes of Provincetown, which have been sold by Capt. Philip Whorl of that port, to the big concern here.

By the sale of these crafts, the salt bank fishery of Provincetown, which is nearly as old as the town itself, passes into history. Capt. Whorl has been engaged with his vessels in the Grand Bank salt cod fishing, their fares generally being landed here. Capt. Whorl, who is 70 years of age, will retire from business.

The Lottie Brynes was built at Essex in 1876. She is 97 tons gross and 68 tons net.

Sch. Monitor was built at Essex in 1886 and is 110 tons gross and 78 tons net. She formerly belonged here.

Sch. Gladstone was built at Essex the same year, 1886, and is 97 tons gross and 68 tons net. She was formerly owned here.

Sch. American, was built at Essex in 1891. She is 124 tons gross and 99 tons net. She also was formerly of this port.

It is the intention of the Gorton-Pew Company to use the fleet in the Labrador salt cod fishing the coming season.

Committee Working Hard.

FIGHT TO PUT END TO BEAM TRAWLING IS PROGRESSING.

The local committee having in charge the general plans, gathering of data and other material which will be presented to the Congressional committee at Washington, when the bill for the eradication of beam trawlers and the prohibition of their catches being landed in American markets come up, are hard at work, and that the campaign will be conducted along systematic lines and the strongest kind of an argument laid before the committee when the time arrives is certain.

Canada, it will be remembered, passed a law last year, prohibiting the use of beam trawlers within the three mile limit. That the Canadian fishermen are strongly in opposition to this method of fishing and will give all the aid in their power to the interests along the New England coast, who likewise hope to prohibit the use of beam trawls is evident from encouraging advices that are being received.

Several days ago, Capt. Henry M. Atwood, chairman of the local committee, received a communication from F. B. McCurdy, member of the Canadian parliament asking for data and other information which might be obtainable concerning beam trawling. Secretary Freeman forwarded one of the committee's circulars the receipt of which Mr. McCurdy has acknowledged.

Jan. 23.

MANY FEARS FOR HER CREW.

SCH. CLARA R. HARWOOD WAS OUT 33 DAYS ON RED SNAPPER TRIP.

Thirty-three days out from Pensacola and thought lost, the smack Clara R. Harwood, formerly of Rockport, now of the E. E. Saunders Fish and Ice Company arrived from the snapper banks Wednesday evening. During the past few days Pensacola fishermen have been entertaining some fears as to the safety of the little ship, she being out an unusually long time.

The captain of the Harwood stated that he encountered severe weather during a major portion of the time and much of the time was spent in shelter behind different reefs on the Campechy banks.

It is a rather unusual occurrence for a smack to remain out more than 30 days and therefore more or less anxiety was felt for the Harwood on this occasion. A catch of only 10,000 pounds of snappers was reported.

Jan. 24.

CONSTELLATION HAS HERRING.

OTHERS OF THE FLEET LOOKED FOR BEFORE THURSDAY MORNING.

Sch. Constellation, Capt. Jerry Cook, arrived here during the early part of the forenoon from the Bay of Islands with a full cargo of herring, consisting of 600 barrels of frozen, 240 barrels of salt and 60 barrels of pickled herring for Orlando Merchant.

None of the off shore fleet have put in an appearance here, although it is quite likely that some of the trips now due will come here, as the Boston market is pretty well supplied.

The little fleet of gill netters struck good fishing yesterday and brought in about 30,000 pounds.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Mindora, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Ibsen, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Alice, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 1600 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Rough Rider, gill netting, 1800 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Quoddy, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Nomad, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Enterprise, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Bethulia, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Margaret D., gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Venture, gill netting, 600 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Eagle, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Constellation, Bay of Islands, N. F., 600 bbls. frozen herring, 240 bbls. salt herring, 60 bbls. pickled herring.

Sch. Valentinna, shore.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, shore.
Sch. Georgiana, shore.
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, shore.
Sch. Mary DeCosta, shore.
Sch. Edith Silveira, returned.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, returned.
Sch. Jorgina, returned.
Sch. Mary B. Greer, shore.
Sch. Harry A. Nickerson, via Boston.
Sch. Clintonia, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Valentinna, haddocking.
Sch. Edith Silveria, haddocking.
Sch. Clara G. Silva, haddocking.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, haddocking.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, haddocking.
Sch. Mary P. Goulart, haddocking.
Sch. Mary DeCosta, haddocking.
Sch. Adeline, haddocking.
Sch. Matthew S. Greer, haddocking.
Sch. Rebecca, haddocking.
Sch. Jorgina, haddocking.
Sch. Actor, haddocking.
Sch. Washakie, haddocking.
Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, haddocking.
Sch. Little Fannie, haddocking.
Sch. Margaret, halibuting.
Sch. Cavalier, halibuting.

Jan. 24.

Portland Fish Notes.

There was unwonted activity on Commercial and Central wharves, Portland, Monday, unwonted because it has been a long time since there has been fish enough at this port to make the men at the fish houses hurry. But Monday, the greater part of the local fleet came in and the men were kept busy. The following fares were reported: Albert W. Black, 2000; Katie L. Palmer, 5000; Albert D. Willard, 5000; Edmund F. Black, 4000; Eva and Mildred, 4000, and Lizzie May, 2000 for the F. S. Willard Company; Fannie Hayden, 4000; Bernie and Besie, 3000; Fanny Reed, 10,000; Watauga, 1900 and Topsail Girl, 3000 for the dealers on Commercial wharf.